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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### UM PROFESSOR WINS H.G. MERRIAM AWARD FOR LITERATURE

MISSOULA --

University of Montana English Professor Bill Kittredge has won the H.G. Merriam Award for Literature, presented by the Friends of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library.

Given to an outstanding area author, the award entitles the winner to choose \$250 worth of books for the UM library to buy in his name.

Kittredge, who specializes in teaching creative writing, joined UM's faculty in 1969 after earning a master's degree at the University of Iowa's Writers' Workshop. He's the author of such books as "Owning It All," a collection of autobiographical essays, and "We Are Not in This Together," a group of short stories.

Co-editor of "Montana: The Last Best Place," the upcoming centennial anthology of Montana writers, Kittredge won the 1985 Pacific Northwest Booksellers Award for Excellence. In addition, he was a script consultant and writer for the movie "Heartland," and his fiction and essays have appeared in magazines such as The Atlantic, Harper's, Rolling Stone, Rocky Mountain and Outside.

The Friends of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library will honor Kittredge Wednesday, April 20, at a banquet in the

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University Center Ballroom. No-host cocktails will begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Kittredge will discuss "A Look at 'Montana: The Last Best Place,' an Anthology."

The cost of the banquet is \$15 a person, and music will be provided by the UM School of Music.

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